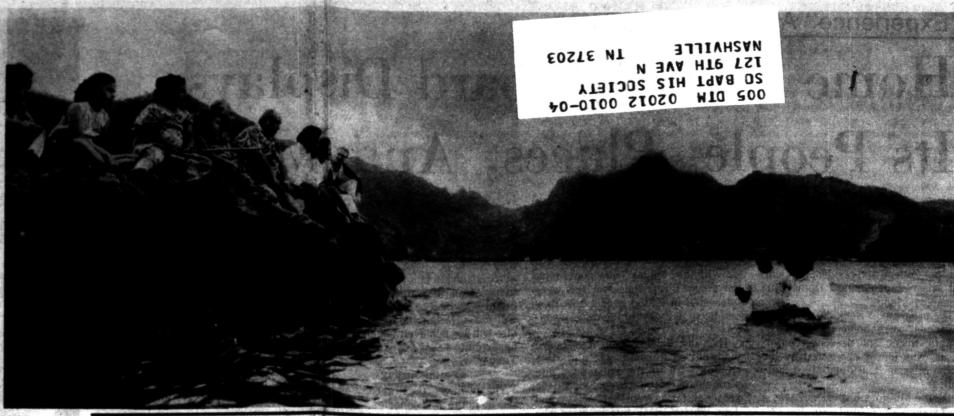
Sunrise Baptism

In the early morning sunrise, a small group gathers for the paptism of Isikuki Fereti (far right). Ray Vilamu (second from right) is a native of American Samoa who, after 18 years, came back "home" to minister to his people. He returned as a Southern Baptist missionary. Though 4,500 miles southwest of San Francisco, the four islands making up American Samoa are a U.S. territory and ministries are under Home Mission Board operation. Said Viliamu who has begun Happy Valley Baptist Church there, his people wondered about this faith he was sharing. "They did not understand how to cross from being deeply religious to having a living relationship with Jesus Christ." (E. Hullum photo)



Librarian Workshop Features Columnist

state will gather at the Baptist Building in Jackson Oct. 26-27 for the eighth annual Mississippi Baptist Library

Organization Workshop. Lee Poquette, the new music assis-





Daniels

Poquette

tant and media director at First Church, Jackson, will lead the worship experiences for the workshop.

Poquette is a native of California and has a B.A. in music education from the University of Southern California. For five years he was assistant to the minister of music at First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, Calif. He came to Jackson from Grace Chapel Church in Lexington, Mass., where he was minister of music.

Three from the Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead conferences on book reviews, book repair, classification, cataloging, promotion, media selection, and ministry of audio visuals. Jackie Payne of Jackson, specialist with the Mississippi Library Commission, will also be a conference

Miss Anderson, consultant with the Church Library Department, Sunday School Board, is a Georgia native. She is a graduate of Bessie Tift College and

By Graham Smith, Chairman

Order Of Business Committee

Mississippi Baptist Convention

iness considered priorities, we con-

cluded there were three basics with

which we should deal - business, wor-

Under business come many facets of

our mutual concern and work as a con-

vention as cooperatively we reached

out through our own areas, our state,

our nation and to the world in the name

of our Lord. Worship together has al-

ways been an integral part of any of

our conventions and will be discussed

The third priority - information -

has always been a difficult priority

our departments of Baptist work.

ship and information.

in a later article.

As your Committee on Order of Bus-

Church librarians from across the has the M.L.S. degree from George Peabody. She is author of eight. Broadman cassette tapes in the Media Center Technique Series, and three Broadman Press books in the Church Media Center Development Plan.

Keith Mee, supervisor of the program and field services section. Church Library Department, Sunday School Board, is a native of Oregon. He attended University of California and has two degrees from University of Kentucky.

James Rose, consultant, Church Library Department, Sunday School Board, was pastor in Stanton, Ky. before going to the Board in 1964. He was president and vice-president of the Kentucky Baptist Library Convention.

A native of Kentucky, he is a graduate of University of Kentucky and has done additional study at Southern Seminary.

Banquet Speaker

Velma Daniels of Winter Haven, Fla., newspaper columnist, book reviewer, television hostess, and author of Patches of Joy, will speak at the banquet Friday night at 6:30 p.m. at First Church, Jackson. Banquet tickets will be priced at \$4.25.

Mrs. Daniels' book, Patches of Joy, focuses on a central theme of inner personal joy. It presents a series of vignettes about more than 30 individuals the author has known whose acts of in the lives of others. Some of those spotlighted are Gene Shalit, Arthur Rubinstein, Joe Garagiola, Billy Graham, and Corrie ten Boom.



Consider The Possibilities

Chaplain Robert Browning of the U.S. Air Force discusses missions possibilities with two MC students, Walter McWhorter of Leland, and Mike Parker of McComb. Browning is chaplain at the Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offutt AFB, Nebraska and is a native of Clinton. (Story and more pictures, page 2)

Mini-Sessions At MBC

To Offer Special Topics

in various ways.

idea of Mini-Sessions is the knowledge

that there are many in our state who

are deserving of sharing in some way

Bible teaching, Scripture reading,

praying, singing — during our regular

Convention sessions but never have

the opportunity simply because of the

limited number that can be used. Dur-

ing each of the Mini-Sessions, many

more will have opportunities to share

We have planned four Mini-Sessions

for Wednesday afternoon of our Con-

vention. We will gather after seminary

luncheons at 1:50 p.m. After other con-

siderations and a message we will be

dismissed at 3:05 p.m. to attend the

Mini-Sessions. The four sessions will

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Watchdog Agency Protests Funding Of Papal Altar

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP) - The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has voted to support a lawsuit filed by the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. and the American Civil Liberties Union against the city of Philadelphia for its announced intention to pay for a costly altar where Pope John Paul II celebrated mass on October 3.

The action by the Washington-based agency followed a report on the legal action by attorney Earl Trent, house counsel for the Division of National Ministries of the American Baptist Mississippi Church Helps

In other actions during its 49th anniversary meeting, the Baptist Joint Committee called on the U.S. Senate to ratify the SALT II treaty and adopt two United Nations-approved human

pass the Fair Housing Amendments of

The Baptist Joint Committee also named as its first general counsel veteran staff member John W. Baker, the agency's director of research services since 1969. Baker earned a doctor of jurisprudence degree from American University's law school and is a member of the Pennsylvania bar. He also earned a doctor of philosophy degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Controversy over the Philadelphia portion of Pope John Paul's U.S. visit erupted when Frank Rizzo announced the city would pick up the whole tab for expenses incurred, including the large altar where the Pope celebrated mass before hundreds of thousands of participants and spectators.

Two Philadelphia taxpavers, including American Baptist minister Mary Anne Forehand, filed suit in a federal district court challenging the use of public money for the altar. No objec-

tion was registered either in the suit or in the Baptist Joint Committee statement to public funds expended for police or fire protection or for other public safety measures.

Attorney Trent and lawyers for the city subsequently agreed to have the judge in the case hear arguments after the Pope's visit. As part of the agreement, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia agreed to pay the city \$75,999 in the event the court rules against the city.

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rights covenants, and urged Congress to pass the Refugee Act of 1979, liberalize U.S. immigration policy and

Funds For Haiti

FMB Releases

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) - Haiti has been added to the list of Caribbean countries receiving Southern Baptist relief help from devastation by Hurricane David

The Foreign Mission Board released \$5,000 for hunger relief in Haiti, which received severe crop damage. The emergency funds will be used to assist in replanting those crops.

Another \$20,000 also was authorized for emergency hunger relief in Dominicia. Southern Baptist missionaries have been working with relief efforts on that island since the late August disaster which stripped the country of its resources but have run out of food to distribute. The new allocation will go toward the purchase and

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North Central Missions Thrust Gives Birth To 2,000th Church

cember 16 will be a red letter day for Baptists in Michigan, as well as the seven states in the North Central Missions Thrust.

That is the day set for the organization of the 2,000th Southern Baptist church in the north central states area (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio). It will be the South Hill Baptist Church in Milford, Mich., a town of 5,200 in Greater Detroit, which is now a chapel.

ticipating states are expected to attend the Dec. 16 constituting service, set for 2:30 P.M. in the Johnson Elementary School at Milford, where the chapel was first organized in June The North Central Missions Thrust

is a cooperative effort of the seven states named, to double Southern Baptist work in that area by 1990.

"Starting the 2,000th church is a significant step for the entire 7-state area," said Billy Whitt, director of the Cooperative Missions Division of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan. "It's also significant for us here in Michigan, since we have grown from 55 churches in 1957 when our state convention was formed, to a total of 192 churches and 30 chapels.'

The pastor of the soon-to-be church in Milford is Dale Gross. He is a bivocational pastor, working fulltime as a sergeant on the city police force in Gross did not take a salary the first 6 months, enabling the mission to be self-supporting from the start.

Typical of much of the new work in the 7-state area, the Milford congregation received help from the Home Mission Board, student summer missionaries, and on one occasion, a group of 27 members from the Calvary Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Miss., who

MILFORD, Mich. - Sunday, De- sponsoring congregation. Pastor spent a week helping on a new build-

The Mississippi group will return in November for another week's work. prior to the constituting service. The Home Mission Board also loaned money to the mission to purchase property for a building site.

Milford is a growing community, and adjacent to it is the General Motors Proving Grounds.

Baptist leaders from all seven par- N. C. General Board OKs New Wake Forest Charter

ASHEBORO, N. C. (BP) - The General Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention and its executive committee have approved the proposed new relationship between the Baptist state convention and Wake Forest University.

Final approval must come with a two-thirds vote from messengers at the annual session of the Baptist state convention in Winston-Salem, Nov.

Wake Forest trustees and the state convention's Council on Christian Higher Education have already approved the relationship changes which will give the trustees some voice in electing their board, subject to approval by the convention.

had to be Baptists from North Carolina

chosen by the convention. If the new relation is approved, trustees will nominate their replacements and one-third of the 36 trustees can be Christians from outside North Carolina. Also, Wake Forest will be removed as a budget item from the state convention.

The general board also voted to release \$496,000 held in escrow for Wake Forest. Funds had been cut off Dec. 8 when the trustees amended their charter without convention approval. Wake Forest is scheduled to receive **\$936,937** for 1979 from the convention's budget.

Chinese Work Gets Pastor

Philip Kwong has begun the pastorate of Chinese Baptist Church in Cleveland and of the Greenwood Chinese Fellow-

> ship. A native of China, Kwong graduate of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree. He has been pastor of Hong Kong Grace

Baptist Church since 1965, and has taught at Hong Kong Baptist Bible Institute since 1978.

Kwong is married to the former Cheung Po Chun. They have four children, Sam, Timothy, Esther, and

Support for the ministry at the two Chinese programs comes from the (Continued from Page 3)

Previously, all trustees of the school nearby Novi, Michigan. The Orchard Hills Baptist Church of Novi is the Canal Treaty Will Permit

Churches To Buy Property RICHMOND, Va. (BP) - The new Panama Canal treaties and the Oct. 1

to the Republic are expected to bring only improvement in Southern Baptist mission work there.

land where our mission offices, par-sonages and other Baptist buildings are located and built. Now the land we leased will be turned over to Panama and we can buy that land."

built on the leased land have the first right to purchase the land. Bryan believes the land will be sold at "fair market price.'

off than before, because now they buy and own their property," he said. in the matter."

and pastors have been in contact with Panamanian and Zone officials, talking about the property exchange. "It's been handled very carefully," said Bryan. "And we've not detected any heavy-handedness in this matter.'

changeover of all Canal Zone property

"We feel very good about the arrangements," said Charles W. Bryan, Foreign Mission Board secretary for

He explained that those who have

"And we feel the government is acting fairly and is being very understanding

We feel the churches will be better

For more than a year, missionaries

emphasize 1) Program, 2) Missions, 3) with which to deal; basically this has Institutions and Agencies and 4) Ad-**Education Commission** been true because all of the people at ministration. Four Baptist Colleges Middle America and the Caribbean. any convention do not want or even Breakdown of the sessions is as fol-**Historical Commission** Bryan sees the land issue as a posineed all of the information from all of **Baptist Medical Center** tive step for Baptists. "Before the new We strongly urge you to consider these divisions and the emphasis in treaties, we were only able to lease the On the other hand, the information **ADMINISTRATION** from specific departments of our state Stewardship and Cooperative Proeach. Then, on Wednesday afternoon, choose the session that will bring you gram Promotion

work are extremely necessary to the successful ongoing of our local and Comptroller-Business Manager Church-Minister Relations cooperative efforts. **Baptist Record** Also, as an added impetus to this

up to date in the area or areas with which you are more involved at the

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Home Mission Board Displays Its People, Places, And Work

CLINTON, Miss. (BP) — The people, places and work of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board were put on display here for students at Mississippi College and residents of Central Mississippi during "Home Missions Experience.

The program, a week-long round of speeches, workshops, multi-media, drama, music and personal conferences, was jointly sponsored by the Home Mission Board and Mississippi

"Home Missions Experience was a tremendous opportunity for the college, the community and the region to get a kaleidoscopic view of Home Missions," said Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College.

"All too often the people in the churches see only one facet of home missions, but this program was extremely helpful in exemplifying the outreach of missions to the end of the world," he added

On Campuses

"The missionaries necessary to win our nation to Christ by the year 2000 are on the Baptist campuses now,' said William Tanner, Executive Director-Treasurer of the HMB. "The kind of cooperation between a Baptist college and a mission agency which has been shown is the kind we must have if we are going to have the personnel to reach the goals of Bold Mission Thrust."

The Mississippi College Home Missions Experience was the second time the HMB has jointly sponsored such an event on a college campus. Last year, residents of East Texas and western Louisiana were offered the in-depth look at home missions at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Tex.

"The program is like taking Glorieta or Ridgecrest to the college campus,' said Ed Seabough, who coordinated the program for the HMB. "We tried to fill it as full as possible with missions experiences, giving students and area residents an opportunity to learn about and to feel the pulse of home missions.

"The purpose of the week is to tell the Home Mission Board story in this area to local church members and to college students," he added. "But, that is not all. We want to offer them an opportunity to participate personally

"With the emphasis on volunteer involvement in missions, we also were interested in telling people how they can become a part of the missions ef-

The work and heartbeat of the boardwas told as missionaries gave testimonies about the successes and struggles of their work. Included in the personal stories were those of Sam and Joan Worley, HMB missionaries who serve in Lake Tahoe, Calif.; Don and Lynne Gurney, student workers assigned to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Robert Browning, an Air Force chaplain serving at Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offutt AFB, Neb., and David Benjamin, a US-2 missionary serving as student minister at 50,000student Ohio State University in Col-

umbus. Ohio. "We think the student participation this year has been super. The interest of the students has been very high. You don't often find that kind of interest,"

Sam Worley said. "I have been at Mississippi College since 1951, and this is one of the richest experiences we have ever had," said Van Quick, vice president for student affairs and MC coordinator for the

"It was successful because of the number of lives touched. A lot of students will look back on this as one of the most significant events in their lives," he added.

The highlight of the week was a commissioning for four US-2 missionaries. A commissioning is similar to an ordination.

Commissioned were Tanya Ann Waters, a Mississippian, who serves as director of weekday ministries at First Baptist Church in Chelsea, Mass.; Tina Marie Fogle, who works in resort ministries in Hot Springs, Ark.; Kit Han Vivian Fong, who works with internationals in Little Rock, Ark., and Bill Mead, who is involved in resort ministries in Wilmington, N. C.

Tanner, in his charge to the young missionaries, told them they will face opposition and see spiritual need as

"It is good to be on the mountain of inspiration, but we must also remember we serve in the valley. You will see suffering and failure, but you also will see achievement and have an opportunity to give of yourself," said

Commissioning

The event was the first commissioning of home missionaries in Mississippi in many years and the first ever on the campus of Mississippi College.

The services was actually only a symbolic gesture. The US-2ers had been commissioned previously at services at First Baptist Church, Westminister, S. C., prior to orientation this summer.

Other events during the week long Home Missions Experience included: —Presentation of the musical, "Go Then and Be a Witness," by Ed Seabough and Buryl Red, a New York City composer and arranger. The musical, performer by Mississippi college students, was written from favorite mis-

Performance of the drama, "Bold Missions from Adam to Tomorrow," written by Seabough and performed by Mississippi College drama students under direction of Mary Catherine Gentry, of the MC faculty.

-Workshops on signing for the deaf, led by former Mississippian Rodney Webb, now a staffer at the HMB; interfaith witness, led by Chris Elkins, a former official of the Unification Church, now a consultant at the HMB; careers in home missions, led by the Gurneys; resort missions, led by the Worleys, and for ministerial students, led by Ken Lyle, a former home missionary in New York City, now a pastor in Atlanta.

Home Missions Experience in 1980 will be taken to the campus of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.



Left to right are Tina Marie Fogle, Don Rhymes, Tanya Ann Waters, Bill Mead, and Kit Han Vivian Fong. Rhymes is HMB director of missionary personnel. The four young adults are US-2 missionaries who were presented during the Home Missions Experience last week at Mississippi College. Miss Waters is a Mississippi native from

Mississippian Reed To Join Seminary Extension

Everette Reed, a doctoral candidate at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will become associate director for home study education for the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department, Dec. 1.

Seminary Extension's administrative committee, made up of the presidents of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries, elected Reed unanimously. He will join two other associates on the department staff, directed by Raymond M. Rigdon.

As head of Seminary Extension's Home Study Institute, Reed will work with some 2,000 individuals who have enrolled for correspondence study of one or more of the theologically oriented courses offered by the department. He succeeds Robert L. Lamb, who accepted a faculty position

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) James at Gardner-Webb College in North Carolina in August.

Reed, 35, has completed all residence requirements for the doctor of education degree at New Orleans Seminary, from which he already holds the master of divinity degree. He expects to receive his doctorate next spring. A native of Mathiston, Miss., he also is a graduate of Clarke College in Newton, Miss., and Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

Reed has also served as pastor of churches in Mississippi and Louisiana and taught in Louisiana and Alabama. During recent years, in addition to his graduate work at the seminary. Reed has served as assistant pastor of the Gentilly Baptist Church in New Orleans, a teaching fellow at the seminary, and manager of the campus

MC. He is pastor of Atlanta's Tabernacle Baptist Church and former director of missions from Metro New York. Theological Study Is Now Within Easy Reach

MS graduate Ken Lyle delivers a message to the Wednesday evening session at

types of study opportunities, home study institute and extension centers in local associations. Three curriculum courses are: basic curriculum courses, college level curriculum courses, and CESA (continuing education for seminary alumni). Basic curriculum study offers the

certificate of merit for completing any ten courses. The distinguished citation certificate can be earned by completing an additional ten courses.

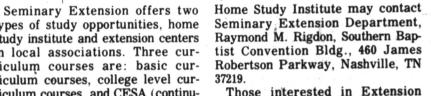
courses, are based on courses in the college level curriculum series. They are the diploma in Pastoral Ministries Program, the diploma in Educational Ministries Program, and the diploma in Biblical Studies Program. Credit for the courses in the college-

level series also may be applied on either of the above certificates. The CESA series directs individuals

to a variety of non-credit learning resources for independent or small-

Anyone can participate in the basic curriculum courses without a formal earned diploma or degree. In order to participate in college level courses and receive credit, one must have a

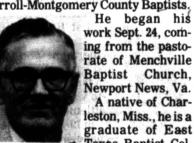
high school diploma. Those wishing to partcipate in the



Those interested in Extension Center Study may contact Hollis V. Bryant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, Phone: 354-3704, Extension 250.

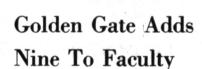
Three diploma programs, each requiring the completion of sixteen. Houston Takes Carroll-Montgomery

Nolan Houston has returned to Mississippi as director of missions for Carroll-Montgomery County Baptists.



Houston Lege and earned the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in Louisiana, New Mexico, and Virginia. He managed Baptist Book Stores in

Albuquerque and Norfolk. Houston is married to the former Ann Park of Grenada. They have three



MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) - Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has added nine persons to the faculty for the fall semester and announced establishment of a continuing education program in Anchorage,

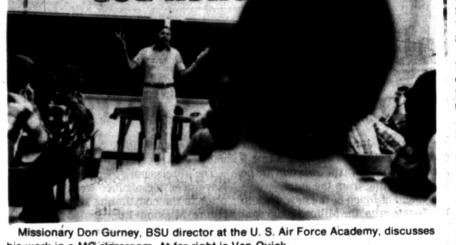
Among those joining the instructional staff as visiting professors are J. P. Allen, retired director of audience response for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and former pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, as professor of preaching; Bob D. Compton, missionary to Costa Rica, as professor of church history; and H. Cornell Goerner, retired secretary to West Africa as professor of missions.

The seminary will send Allen to Anchorage to teach the Gospel of John and preaching in a contemporary setting in October during morning and evening classes to pastors, church staff workers and lay leaders.

Becky Briscoe To Leave WMU Post

Becky Briscoe, who has been Acteen consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, has resigned that position, according to an announcement by Marjean Patterson, executive director.

Miss Briscoe joined the WMU staff on Sept. 1, 1978. She became Acteen Consultant after being a fourth-grade teacher in the South Panola School District for several years. She is a graduate of the University of Mississippi with a master's degree in elementary education.



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his work in a MC classroom. At far right is Van Quick.

Baptist Joint Committee

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Trent told the Baptist Joint Committee, however, that the \$75,999 originally estimated as the cost of building the altar has now risen to about \$500,000. He accused city officials of "repeated lies" during the proceeding and predicted that the Baptist position would win.

While voting to give its staff authority to lend "all appropriate support" to the lawsuit, the Baptist Joint Committee action also expressed a welcome to Pope John Paul and acknowledged specifically the appropriateness of

spending public money for all necessary public safety precautions during the visit.

The Baptist agency also voted to send a telegram to Cardinal John Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia, urging him to follow the example of the Washington Archdiocese in footing the bill for expenses involving public worship events. The telegram commended Cardinal William Baum of Washington for his announced intention to have the archdiocese pay for such events.

In formally declaring its support for

ratification of the SALT II treaty, the Bishop group joined three member denominations which had already endorsed the measure. The American Baptist Churches, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention all passed resolutions last summer approving the treaty.

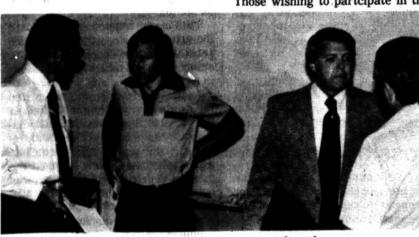
Because of those actions, the Baptist Joint Committee joined the Religious Committee on SALT, a coalition of 27 national religious groups actively lobbying for passage.

The statement incorporated a portion of a document adopted in July by the Baptist World Alliance urging not only ratification of the embattled SALT II treaty but calling for new arms control agreements and for "the development of national policies which will give greater funding priority to non-military security measures."

In another related action, the Baptist Joint Committee urged Senate ratification of two human rights co-

The international agreements, which took effect in 1976 and have been signed by more than 50 nations, have been largely ignored by the Senate for allegedly political reasons. Opposition, mainly from the right wing of American politics, centers on fears that the covenants would undermine U.S. sovereignty and deny to U.S. citizens rights protected by the Constitu-

Manila, Philippines - The executive committee of the Luzon Baptist convention is challenging every Baptist on Luzon, largest island in the Philippines, to give at least one peso a year for local mission projects. If the challenge is met, the convention will have enough money to send a Filipino missionary to an area in northeastern



Recreators' Association

Pictured are some participants in the recent organizational meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Recreators' Association. Left to right are Ray Conner, director of the church recreation department of the Sunday School Board; Jimmy Smith, minister of activities at Jackson's Alta Woods Baptist Church; Frank Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi; and Hugh Monk, of the Baptist Children's Village. Elected president of the group was Tom Prather, minister of recreation at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson. Vice president is Glenn Shows, minister of activities at Clinton First Church, Editor is Jan Cossitt, minister of activities at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; and Jimmy Smith of Alta Woods is secretary of the group.

Testimony Asks Church venants adopted unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly in Lobby Law Exclusion

WASHINGTON (BP) - Exclusion for the office for Church in Society of of churches from lobby disclosure legislation pending before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee was the major thrust of testimony presented by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The Baptist statement charged that S. 1564, introduced by Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., would unconstitutionally inhibit the free exercise of religion and entangle government and churches by "imposing time-consuming and expensive record keeping and reporting on churches in carrying out their religious mission."

The statement said many religious groups consider it an integral part of their mission to speak to government to try to influence the development of

public policy. Barry W. Lynn, legislative counsel

the United Church of Christ, also testified against the legislation. "The Congress takes a great risk if it acts in a way which may stifle any legitimate advocacy work. . . . gaining access to the political system has been very difficult for many groups. I ask you not to put any new and unnecessary obstacles in our paths," Lynn said. Similar legislation in the House of

Representatives is pending in the Judiciary Committee. In the last Congress, the House passed a lobby disclosure bill but the Senate refused to move it out of committee.

In its annual meeting in 1978, the Southern Baptist Convention went on record as opposing lobby disclosure legislation which would impose tighter governmental control over churches and not-for-profit groups."

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BYWs Will Be Challenged To Change Their Lives

The annual Baptist Young Women retreat, October 19-20, at Camp Garaywa, will bring together BYWs from all over Mississippi — single, married, who are between the ages of

"Because I Have . . . I Must Give" will be the theme for the weekend, and BYWs will be challenged to make life-changing commitments, as they seek to change their world.

Associational and local church BYW

leadership have been promoting the retreat in their area and church. BYWs will travel by church bus, van, cars to attend this annual gathering of



foreign missionary, Jember, Indonesia, will tell about the work in Jember. Mrs. Rankin and her family serve as general evangelists assisting the churches by sharing God's love through Bible studies as they 'reach out' to the people of Indonesia. The Rankins are on furlough in Mississippi, living in Clinton.

Frances Tyler, professor of Bible, Blue Mountain College, will lead in the Bible study for the retreat. Three different sessions of study will be presented by Mrs. Tyler on "The Sermon on The Mount" during the week-end. Mrs. Tyler has been with Blue Mountain College since 1946 as a professor of Bible. Her late husband was president of Blue Mountain, 1960-65.

Special BYW method conferences will be offered by Mrs. Kenneth (Elaine) Rhodes, Poplarville, who is State BYW Representative for Mississippi WMU, and Mrs. Elton (Linda) Whitley, Lee Association BYW director. Both young women led BYW method conferences during the WMU leadership training in August.

The retreat will also offer music, fun, and fellowship, as over 100 young women gather Friday evening at Garaywa for the weekend meeting.

Registration forms can be found in the October/November/December issue of alongside, as well as other information about the retreat. If more information is needed or registration sent, call or write Marilyn Hopkins, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205, telephone, 354-3704.

Larry High Named

Editor In Maryland

LUTHERVILLE, Md. (BP) - Larry

E. High, associate editor of The Mary-

land Baptist since September 1975, has

kett, who resigned July 31 to become

executive director of Americans Un-

ited for Separation of Church and

State. Puckett served The Maryland Baptist for 13 years. High served as

acting editor after Puckett's resigna-

He is the youngest of the current

group of editors of 34 state Baptist

newspapers, covering Southern Bap-

A Maryland native, High is a

graduate of the University of Mary-

land at College Park, where he earned

the bachelor of science degree in jour-

nalism. He also holds the master of

religious education degree from

Southern Baptist Theological Semi-

as staff intern for the Western Recor-

der, state Baptist paper for Kentucky, and publications editor for the Long Run Baptist Association. Following

graduation from Southern Seminary

in 1974, High was full time seminary

news director and managing editor of

the alumni publication, The Tie, until

returning to Maryland the next year.

High is chairman of the Maryland

A layman, High is a deacon at Wood-

brook Baptist Church, Towson, Md.

While a seminary student he served

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mission board.



Keen-Agers See Passion Play

THE PASSION PLAY AT EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK. was seen by 16 Keen-agers from White Oak Church recently. This Christian drama, now in its eighth summer, portrays Christ's last week on earth in a pageantry of settings, costumes and music.

Passion play visitors from White Oaks are shown here. Left to right are: Flora Yates, Willie V. Canterbury, Dorothy Yates, Myrtle Derrick, Myrtis Canterbury, Bessie Ainsworth, Bill Dowdy, Gaston Butler, Margie Dukes, Hershel Dukes, Mae Wooley, Florine Everett. Kneeling are Mellie Frith, Fannie Dowdy, Elma Butler, and Durwood

Brotherhood Commission Receives Med Supplies

MEMPHIS — Medical and surgical supplies valued at about \$200,000 were donated to the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here for distribution to medical projects related to home and foreign missions.

Norman Godfrey, director of the ministries section of the Commission, said the supplies were routed to the agency by John Winters of Alexandria, La., director of Baptist men and boys for Louisiana Southern Baptists.

The supplies, donated by a hospital equipment firm in Dallas, were transported to Memphis in a North American moving van routed through Alexandria by owner Jack Knox of Germantown, Tenn., vice chairman of the Commission.

Southern Baptist leaders of Texas River Ministries took part of the supplies and that foreign missions officials are investigating a plan to send

Librarians

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been elected editor thors and publishers and other book of the state Baptist people on her television show, she is paper, effective Oct. 1. The action known in Florida as the "Book Lady." came during a meeting of the Bap-Registration will begin at 11 a.m. on Oct. 26, and the Friday afternoon general session will begin at 1. The Saturtist Convention of

day morning session will begin at 8:30 and conclude at noon. Larry Salter, consultant, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Bap-

tist Convention Board, stated that re-

servations should be in before Oct. 22.

First, Ridgeland, To Sponsor Truth, Oct. 20

The nationwide touring music company, Truth, will be in concert at First, Baptist Church, Ridgeland, Oct. 20. The concert, which will be sponsored by First Church, will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium

Truth is in its ninth year of touring. The group has 20 musicians from 11 states, and their music is a contemporary Christian sound.

some of the supplies to Uganda.

The supplies are available free to any Southern Baptist home or foreign mission related medical group if they will pay the transportation, Godfrey

The Brotherhood ministries leader encouraged interested groups to write to him for a copy of the six-page inven-

Among the supplies are maternity care kits, surgical masks and rubber gloves, disposable pillow cases, a heat therapy unit, ear piercers, breathing devices and disposable wash cloths. They fill two offices at the Commis-

four-year-old Jerusalem Baptist Church in the Pocola Valley of northcentral Guatemala have given \$50 to the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua to be used in refugee relief work. The money was presented to Southern Baptist missionary to Nicaragua Stanley D. Stamps, who was visiting the church. The congregation of more than 500 members has sponsored three churches and works with eight missions. Their average income per family, per day is about \$1, according to

Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, and waste its sweetness on the desert air. — Gray — "Elegy in a Country Churchyard

MSU BSU Will **Host Luncheon** For Alumni

The Mississippi State University Baptist Student Union will host a luncheon for the BSU Alumni Fellowship on October 27, 1979 preceding the Homecoming football game. The luncheon will begin at 11:00 and will be followed by a short business meeting. There will be no charge for the lunc-

heon and no reservations are needed. After the game a buffet for interested parents, alumni, and friends will be held at the Baptist Student Center for a cost of \$3.00.

NASHVILLE - Ten Church Secretaries Certification Seminars are

The Church Secretary Personal Enrichment Program, in its sixth year, is an emphasis of the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The program is an opportunity for self improvement for church secretaries as well as secretaries from associations, state and SBC agencies and sec-

The seminar sites in 1980 include the Noland Road Baptist Church, Independence, Mo., Feb. 11-15; the Church Program Training Center, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Feb. 25-29 Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M.,

Other seminars will be held at Asilomar State Beach, Pacific Grove, Calif., April 29-May 2; Old Main Lodge, Waco, Texas, May 26-30; Cascades Meeting Center, Williamsburg, Va., Aug. 18-22; and the board's Church Program Training Center, Nash-

Secretaries planning to attend the prepare for the exam they plan to take,

A brochure listing seminar locations and recommended study materials may be obtained from the Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234. Cost for the seminar is \$35. Secretaries may be certified either on the basic or adMusic In Small Churches A major portion of the program will Two area Pastor-Song Leader Retreats will be held during October. consist of demonstrations on how to Washington Church, Washington, will bring alive a congregational service. host the first on October 19-20, and Highland Church, Senatobia, will host Video spots will cover areas such as music resources and congregational singing. Other basic needs, such as

music facilities, outreach, and starting choirs, will be included on the

program. Brief reviews of Church

fusic R.F.D. will also be featured.

\$5.00 per person (payable at the re-These events can be most beneficial treat) will cover the cost of materials if leaders attend as pastor-song leader teams. However, it is not required that According to Dan Hall, director of both attend. Accompanists and choir the Church Music Department, these retreats will deal with specific needs members could also benefit from these retreats. Please contact the Church expressed by leaders of smaller Music Department, P. O. Box 530, churches, especially those with volun-Jackson, MS 39205, if you plan to atteer and/or part-time music directors tend. For further information contact with little or no training. Dan Hall, 354-3704.

100,000th Person Asks For Home Bible Guide

NASHVILLE — A fifth grade school teacher from Joliet, Ill., became the 100,000th person to request that he be enrolled in the Sunday School Board's Home Bible Study program begun in October 1978.

Art Mackay learned about the monthly Home Bible Study Guide by watching "At Home with the Bible" on Sunday afternoons on WCFC-TV, channel 38 in Chicago

"At "Home with the Bible" is a eekly radio and television program jointly produced by the Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission. The guide is a free home Bible correspondence course in which people may enroll whether or not they see the program. "We have taken Bible courses before," said Mackay, a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Methodious.

'We saw 'At Home with the Bible' two or three times and thought the Home Bible Study Guide might offer a different approach. We are anxious to get started." Mackay said he and his wife Lydia plan to work through the guide together.

The 100,000th enrollment request arrived at the Sunday School Board approximately 48 weeks after the premiere of Home Bible Study in October

Lay-Clergy Retreat Will Coban, Guatemala - Members of Be At Northminster

The Mississippi Religious Leader- will be the moderator of the program, ship Conference's Annual Lay-Clergy Retreat will be held this year at Northminster Church, Jackson, on Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 3

The theme will be "Dealing with the Stages of Life/Career: Morning, Noon, Afternoon and Evening." John R. Claypool of Northminster

and three presentations will be made by Steve McNeely, pastor of Northside Drive Church in Clinton, Don Dinsmore, associate director of pastoral services at University Medical Center, and David Ray, executive director of Fifty Plus, followed by a final group dialogue with the presentors. Lunch will be served at the church.



Secretary Certification **Seminars Scheduled**

scheduled around the country in 1980.

retaries from other denominations.

(advanced only); Forest Park Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., March 17-21: Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C., March 24-28; White Oak Conference Center, Columbia, S. C., March 31-April 4 (advanced only); and Glorieta Baptist April 21-25.

ville, Sept. 15-19'(advanced only).

seminars should get the study materials well in advance of the seminar to according to Lucy Hoskins, consultant to church secretaries in the church administration department.

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Mrs. Jerry (Bobbye) Rankin,

Baptist Women Study Moved

When Women Pray," has been moved to Morrison Heights Baptist Church It was originally scheduled for Garaywa, but overflowing registration prevented Garaywa use. The time is still 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Baptist Women study Saturday, Oct. 13, of the book "What Happens

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delivery of food so the missionaries can continue their work in the town of

The two new allocations bring to \$135,000 the total amount of Southern Baptist relief money for use in the Dominican Republic, Dominica and

Refugee Work Needs Listed

Refugee resettlement and sponsorship needs will be presented Friday, Oct. 19, at the Baptist Building in Jackson

Gene Tunnell of the Home Mission Board will speak on sponsorship and answer questions on the topic. He is a former missionary to Vietnam and assisted with the resettlement program at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., in 1975 and is now coordinator of refugee resettlement for Southern Baptists.

'Adrift in the World,: Indo Chinese Refugees," a 22 minute film, will be shown, portraying the conditions and problems of refugees

The session, which is open to the public, is part of a two-day language missions leadership conference for leaders in ethnic churches throughout Mississippi.

The program takes place from 7-9

Chinese Work

Chinese Baptist Church, Bolivar and Leflore Associations, First Baptist Church, Greenwood, and the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Kwong told the Baptist Record he will likely be doing some work in establishing ministries among Chinese in Clarksdale or in Vicksburg.

history committee and is the state commissioner to the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has also served on the SBC's Committee on Committees.

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Four Great Dates In Mississippi LONG BEACH CRYSTAL SPRINGS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:45 AM RIDGELAND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

First Baptist Church

7:00 PM

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Southwest Jr. College

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Three Annual Occasions . . .

Statewide dates are important

Three annual occasions of statewide importance should be claiming the attention of Mississippi Baptists at this time. They are the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the Brotherhood Rally, and High Attendance Day in Sunday

Let's consider them in reverse order, as that is the order in which they will come.

High Attendance

High Attendance Day in Sunday School is this month - Oct. 28. The goal is 225,000 in Bible study on that day, which should not be particularly difficult to reach.

There are about 450,000 resident members of Mississippi Baptist churches. Probably there are half again that number who are children who have not yet joined a church. That makes a total of 675,000 Mississippi Baptist Sunday School members and

prospects from which to claim that attendance. The goal is one-third of that number. Surely a third of us would show up in Sunday School on a given Sunday without a great deal of promotion, but such is evidently not the case. Else the goal would be higher.

Of additional interest this year is picture day. The Sunday School Department is asking for a picture of every Sunday School n the state.

There needs to be a lot of people in these pictures.

Brotherhood Rally

Gene Garrison, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, will be the speaker for the Brotherhood Conference. That should make it a worthwhile occasion, but an additional attraction is that Jackson's Jim Raymick will be directing the music for the conference.

The Brotherhood puts on a double-

barreled attraction each year, and this year is no exception. For the banquet the speaker will be Eddy Nicholson. the "Rocking Chair Philosopher," whose home is in Lubbock, Texas. Music will be furnished for the banquet by two young Mississippians, David and Laura Prevost. Both are guitarists and soloists in addition to their singing together. David is minister of music at First Church, Canton.

The rally begins at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at Parkway Church, Jackson; and the conference begins at 7:30 p.m. in the church's new auditorium.

Convention

The next day, Nov. 13, the Mississippi Baptist Convention begins at First Church, Jackson. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Church, is the president. He will bring the president's ad dress; and Bill Baker, pastor of First Church, Clinton, will preach the convention sermon. Other speakers will include W. C. Fields, a former Mississippi pastor and former editor of the Baptist Record, and Jim Henry, pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla. He spoke at last year's state Brotherhood Rally. But the convention is not all

speeches. Its primary purpose is business, and that includes reports on the past and plans for the future. Information on the work of Baptists in Mississippi will be given prime time, and a new budget will be presented for adoption. The budget is our way of sharing our witness to the entire world.

The convention is the most important meeting we will have all year, and messengers need to be elected. Every church is allowed at least two, and many are due the maximum number of 10.

The auditorium of First Church should be filled to its capacity.

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nia Southern Baptist. It was a delight

to have a chance for fellowship again.

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Faces And Places

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A TIME DEFINITELY AND DIVINELY SET

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Where Your Treasure Is. . ."

A couple of weeks ago W.D. and I ate lunch in the huge oak-paneled dining room of a Scottish castle - no, not in Scotland — in Winchester, Tenn.

HIM FROM THE DEAD."

The 37 room Hundred Oaks Castle has been added to the National Register of Historic Sites. Recently it was renovated and furnished with antiques. In the story of its construction in 1891 I saw a parable.

Arthur Marks, born just after the Civil War, was the son of Albert Marks, the 21st governor of Tennessee. He was a brilliant young man, an orator and a writer of stories and poems.

Following his graduation from Vanderbilt and the University of the South he became assistant secretary with the Department of State in Washington, under Grover Cleveland." In 1888 he was appointed vice-consul with the American Embassy at London. While in Europe he visited many castles; they captured his romantic imagination.

In London he married Mary Hunt, also a Tennessean, who was studying in England. The two traveled up the Rhine River Valley on their honeyirst. Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Bria. goom

When the couple returned to Tennes see they took up residence in a large two-story brick home in Winchester which was owned by his father, and

Marks soon began construction which would turn the house into a castle.

Oak trees were felled to panel much of the interior. A Winchester wood carver did much of the paneling and woodwork. Red clay on the property went into handmade bricks. Battlement towers, turrets, new chimneys and balconies were added in all sorts of places. The Southwest wall became a perfect miniature castle wall, complete with watch towers at the corners, conical roofs, and embattlements, lacking only a draw-bridge and moat.

The magnificent ballroom had a ceiling 40 feet high. The library was a replica of the one in Sir Walter Scott's castle in Abbotsford, Scotland.

Marks abandoned the practice of law to live the life of an English country gentleman and devote his time to his dream. When the castle was half finished, Arthur's father died. The young man's extravagance and inability to manage money soon left the family fortune exhausted. All the money gone, construction was halted.

The next year, in 1892, Arthur died of typhoid fever.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt ... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . for where you treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matthew 6:19-21).

Home Missions experience . . .

Ministry excitement in the U.S.

Sam and Joan Worley, resort missionaries at Lake Tahoe in California, would not compare themselves with Paul; but their testimony is that the Lord reached down and led them to salvation when they weren't interested in going in that direction.

Sam is director of Tahoe Resort Ministries, and the two are career missionaries for the Home Mission Board. It was not too many years ago that Sam was an inactive Episcopalian and Joan had no church affiliation at

Joan was the first to become a Baptist. They had been living in Alaska while Sam worked for an oil company, but after the earthquake there they moved to the Texas Panhandle to live in Dumas. Sam is a native of Oklahoma, and one night Joan attended a revival service in Oklahoma with an Angeles, as did Joan, so the aunt was not well known until they moved to Texas. Joan recalls that it was at this revival service that she First heart the song, "Blessed Redeemer"; and she

realized that she had been redeemed. Her profession of faith and baptism upset Sam, and he began to cause problems with her church attendance. Their marriage was threatened. But, Sam says, the Holy Spirit was insistent; and two years later he attended a service at First Church, Dumas. Finally confronted with the gospel, he had no choice but to respond. Then he said he found that he was on everybody's prayer list.

Six months later Sam asked the Lord what He wanted him to do with his life, now that he was a Christian. In no uncertain terms, the Lord said,

So with their children the couple moved to Brownwood to enroll in Howard Payne College. By the time they finished their seminary work they had three children, and nine years ago they found themselves at South Lake Tahoe, Calif. Sam became pastor of the church there. Three years ago they were appointed home missionaries in the same California-Nevada area. They were in Clinton for the Home Mission Experience at Mississippi Collical and Baptist groupgel

His Taffoe Resort Ministries include most types of home missions work, Sam says, and there are up to 19 workers involved at any one time. These include volunteers, student summer missionaries, U.S.-2 workers, and career missionaries. They witness at six ski resorts around Lake Tahoe on the California side of the state line and

from a church-type mission in Nevada. One of the workers is permanently stationed at the U.S. winter Olympic training camp at Squaw Valley. The church-type mission, Tahoe Douglas Church in Nevada, sends its witness into the casinos of Nevada. Sam relates that the small church of about 40 people recently prayed for a handle on a casino ministry. Shortly thereafter the manager of one of the large hotels housing a casino walked in and asked to be a part of the congregation.

Home missions work has its excitement just as does foreign missions. People such as Sam and Joan Worley are helping to make it go. I first became acquainted with them about

College was fruitful. Bill Lee, the assistant director of the Special Ministries Section, told me that he had applications for U.S.-2 work "running out my ears." He also had several in-

The Worleys simply have let the Lord take over since they became Christians. The influence they are having in the Lord's Kingdom is beyond measure. But they are just Sam and Joan, local Christians. — DTM

quiries about career missions work.



Sam Worley, far left, and Joan, far right, counsel with students at Mississippi

Guest Opinion . . .

Flesh and Blood: victimizing TV viewers

By Harry Hollis

The ratings war between the television networks has heated up. The battle for viewers is on. Moral responsibility in TV programing is one of the earliest victims of this exercise in excessive corporation greed.

Why, for example, has a network with the vast resources of CBS chosen to build a program on such a morally shoddy book as Pete Hamill's Flesh and Blood? The answer is clear. CBS wants so desperately to win the ratings

battle that it is even willing to link itself to an incest book to do so.

CBS must be challenged by all who oppose such irresponsibility in programing. By using Hamill's sick novel, no matter how much its TV movie differs, CBS has chosen to promote a work that cheapens sex, exploits violence, mocks Christianity, and highlights incest.

The decision by CBS to wed itself to Flesh and Blood is painful evidence of the erosion of morality in TV programing. To halt this erosion we must increase efforts to communicate opposition to networks, local stations and advertisers. We must make it clear that TV viewers also have views. Write the President of CBS and tell him what you think about CBS' use of Flesh and Blood: Mr. James Rosenfield, President of CBS, Inc., 51 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019. Call local affiliates and advertisers and share your

In addition to increased efforts to influence the television system, we must

use moral discernment within our homes to counter TV's moral erosion. Such movies as Flesh and Blood make selective TV viewing essential. Changing the TV system is a slow process, but it can be changed. Let Christians make certain that viewers are no longer victimized by TV.

Harry N. Hollis, Jr. is associate executive director and director of family and special moral concerns for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A pastor lists . . .

Ten Reasons Why I Tithe

By John E. Barrow, Pastor Ted Baptist Church, Smith County On September 4, 1927, John Ernest Barrow and Laura Myrtis Todd were

united in the bonds of holy matrimony.

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God has wonderfully blessed our union these 52 years. We really believe that Malachi 3:10 is one of the many proofs that God will do what He says He will do. We believe the Old Testament is applicable to the lives of Christians today. It is also our belief that Jesus was putting His stamp of approval upon tithing in Matthew 23:23.

Sometime early in the month of October, 1929, my wife and I made a covenant with the Lord that we would give back to Him at least one-tenth of all that we earned in life. Throughout the days that have followed, some of which were thin financially, we have kept that promise; and God has blessed us in more ways than we can possibly enumerate.

We shall restate in part and rearrange that what we had written in an article 15 years ago, and which appeared in The Baptist Record on October 29, 1964, under the heading: "Ten Reasons Why I Tithe."

First, we tithe because we love God for who He is. He said to Moses, "I am that I am," meaning that He was selfexistent. He does not have to depend upon any power except that of His own. We would be ingrates not to love one who is so supreme and who loves us so

Second, we tithe because of what God has done for us. He gave His only Son that we might have eternal life. What love!

Third, we tithe because it is God's plan of finance for His Kingdom. He knew the best and fairest plan for everyone to follow.

Fourth, we tithe because tithing brings us real joy. Fifth, we tithe because our church

needs it. The church belongs to Christ who said, "Go ye." Sixth, we tithe because missions

needs it. Millions of people are dying without a knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Savior, and it is primarily because tens of thousands of Christians aren't tithing.

Seventh, we tithe because we love to have the blessings of God poured out upon us. That doesn't mean we are selfish. We just enjoy being blessed of

Eighth, we tithe because it is the greatest investment we can make. It pays the highest dividends, not for just four or five years, but forever and

Ninth, we tithe because of the safety of our treasure. Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Matt. 6:19-20.

Tenth, we tithe because we do not want to be robbers. If we owed someone and would not pay them, we would be thieves and robbers. God said, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Mal. 3:8-9. And again, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, it is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30.

If Christians would search their hearts, really desiring to do God's will in the matter of the tithe, they would have an abundance of blessings poured out upon them; and they could have that "peace that passeth all understanding.

In conclusion, be sure you tithe honestly. Don't tithe one Sunday then miss services and not make it up. Be honest with God. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." I Cor. 16:2. I know that some people don't believe this passage has any reference to tithing, but Paul was reminding those early Christians to lay by in store the tithe as God had prospered them just as Malachi was saying, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

Letters To The Editor Why "Flesh and Blood"?

Editor: Here I am writing another letter, but things seem to be going from bad to worse. Back during the furor over the TV series SOAP, I wrote the Baptist Record and challenged broadcasters to clean up their act. No one has!

Now, the public airways reach a new low. On Oct. 14 and 16, a CBS special called FLESH AND BLOOD will be telecast. The theme of this special is incest. Although CBS has cut out several scenes, even Newsweek in a recent article says that the theme comes through clearly and makes SOAP seem like a tea-party.

First . . . don't watch this program for ANY reason and do not let any member of your family watch it, unless you want them exposed to incest. Secondly, Christians can express themselves to any television station which carries the program.

You probably haven't heard much about this program because CBS is trying to sneak it to you on a Sunday night, no less.

Just as ignoring problems won't make them go away, if we ignore such programs, then the networks will proadcast more and more such garbage on what are called the public airways. Stand up and be counted! Let somebody know how you feel! **Jack Cochran**

Network executives keep insisting

they want to deal with life as it is. It

seems to me they have a golden oppor-

Minister of Music and Youth Poplar Springs Church Meridian

tunity to try to make life better, and they are not only ignoring it - they are moving in the opposite direction. NEWSWEEK asks if a pressure group protesting such programming (such as Don Wildmon's National Federation of Decency, based at Tupelo) is a legitimate vehicle of viewer protest or a "threat to the viewing rights of others." Leo Rich. a TV producer, says Wildmon's tactics of trying to scare the advertisers is blackmail and a "violation of everybody's First Amendment rights." That is rubbish. Anytime that TV crowd tries to send their trash into my living room, I have a right and even a responsibility to protest it any way I can. I don't know much about the TV movie, "Flesh and Blood"; but I can say categorically that it has no business being shown on television. It is a fact that the airways

elong to the public. TV has tried to get

that changed and has failed. Therefore I call on the Federal Communications Commission to police the airways and do away with this kind of programming. Perhaps we need to insist on licenses for the networks. TV would be smart to police itself and rid itself of such junk. Advertisers would be smart to avoid it. And if we want to avoid the products of advertisers who promote this mess, then we have every right to do so.-Editor

Petition For CBS

Please read the enclosed clipping from our local paper, The Union Appeal. After reading the same I prayerfully ask you let this subject be known to Mississippi Southern Baptists in The Baptist Record.

Being the father of three small children I am deeply concerned about this and many other programs presented on T.V. Your editorials reveal your feelings. Please permit me to say God Bless you and your staff.

John 3:16 comes to my mind as I write this request. Being a born-again believer of the teachings of the New Testament, the Lord has laid it on my heart to make this request known to

I am a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church. The Neshoba County Association.

The clipping referred to is in the form of a petition to CBS-TV. It reads, "We, the undersigned, wish to strongly express our disapproval of your plans to air the movie based on the incestcondoning book, 'Flesh and Blood.' We understand the book has one scene where the mother and son have their first encounter on a Christmas day. Not wishing to refer to each other as mother and son, the mother suggests they call each other 'Mary and Joseph.' We detest CBS promoting this type immorality and promise to re-frain from watching CBS during the entire month of November when the national ratings are done, and to record that action in any viewing diary we are asked to keep, thus putting into practice the expression of our displeasure. We further ask CBS to stop sexploitation programming and to air programs which are clean, constructive, wholesome, and family orien-

The suggested addressee is William S. Paley, CBS, Inc., 51 W. 52nd. St., New York, N. Y. 10019. - Editor



Jackson Countians Find Missions May Involve **Hammers And Pliers**

By Zeb Brister, Pascagoula Twenty Jackson County Baptists found first hand recently that modern missions may involve hammers, wrenches, pliers, and sanders, and

even shovels and jack hammers. A crew of four women and 16 men flew to Coronado, Calif., July 19 for seven long, tiring working days to aid in changing a lumber yard office and warehouse into a church building.

The mission, sponsored by Jackson County Association's Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union, with special offering from nine churches, enabled the Coronado Baptist Church, on Coronado Island (actually a peninsula), across the harbor from San Diego's downtown, to move toward the completion of a building renovation and addition project to provide an attractive and serviceable building for those whom the church is striving to

Carpenters, plumbers, and electricians were among the 20. The women refinished church pews, and three men spent almost half their work hours digging ditches for sewer lines and electrical conduit.

Four preachers in the group preached one or more sermons each, but their main task for the seven work days developed blisters and sore muscles. A minister of education and a minister of music were in the group. Estimates on the value of the labor

given by the group ranged up to \$12,000 or more, calculating on the equivalent in California skilled labor wages.

Few people in Coronado, one of the most delightful places in the world to live, are interested in Christianity or any other religion. With real estate soaring in price (the equivalent of a \$50,000 home in Mississippi selling

readily for \$250,000 to \$300,000 there), a small congregation finds it impossible to provide adequate facilities for reaching a pagan population.

Only with a supplement from the Home Mission Board, and with the aid given by the Mississippi group, could it be done. James Roamer, pastor of the Coronado Church, whose salary is paid by the Home Mission Board, is superbly equipped through experience and education to minister in that area. He was formerly a military lawyer and is now active in the reserves, and many Coronado residents are military people, many home owners being retired admirals and commanders, generals and colonels.

For years (Roamer has been there eight years), the church has used the converted lumber yard, with a minimum of renovation, not only for Sunday services but also for a peopleserving day care ministry. The more attractive and adequate building will greatly enhance the ministry of the

The twenty making up the task force from Jackson County were, in alphabetical order and identified by church affiliation: Bill Bailey, Griffin Street; James Boutwell, Wade; Mr. and Mrs. Latrell Brewer, Moss Point First; Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Brister, Unty: Kerina Byrd; Parkway; Doug Coulter, Pascagoula First, Claude Crysell, Ocean Springs 1st; Larry Darden, Helena First; Mr. and Mrs. Don Gavin, Emmanuel; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray and David, Pascagoula First; Jerry Herndon, Wade; Roy Phillips, Ocean Springs First; Cecil Walters, Covington Assn.; Walter Lee Waltman, Wade; Rogert Wiggins,

Homecomings

Pleasant Home Church, Laurel, will celebrate homecoming day on Sunday, Oct. 21. The roll will be called at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served on the grounds at 12. Speakers at the 1:30 p.m. service will be former members, Wendell Gavin, Joe Mauldin, and Hollis Ishee.

Homecoming services will actually, begin on Saturday, Oct. 20, with an old-fashioned sing from 7 to 9 p.m. at

New Hope Church, Monticello (Lawrence) will observe homecoming Sunday, Oct. 14. The services will begin at 10 o'clock with Sunday School. Harold Bethune, a former pastor,

will speak at the morning worship service, at 11. Lunch will be served by women of

the church. The afternoon service will be one of

singing Drew Blanton, pastor, invites all former members and friends.

Mount Vernon Church, Leflore County, will have homecoming day Oct. 14. Melvin Winters will deliver the message for the 11 a.m. service. Lunch will be served at the church. The Challengers will present special music during the afternoon singing. Larry Chauccoli is the pastor.

Jayess Church will celebrate Homecoming Day on Oct. 21. The day will be a special event for those who have had part in constructing the present church building.

Fred Fowler, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Jackson, will be guest speaker during the morning service. Fowler was pastor of Jayess, 1962-64. During his tenure the church began a building fund.

The day's events will begin with Sunday School at 9:45. Following will be the morning service at 11. Lunch will be served. The afternoon service will include special singing by various groups and a note burning ceremony involving Fowler, Bobby Speights, under whose leadership the building was constructed, and the present pastor, Mike Mitchell, under whose leadership the building indebtedness was

The pastor states that all former members, pastors and the public are invited to attend.

Revival Dates

Causeyville, Meridian: October auseyville, Meridian: October 14-19; James Fancher, full time evangelist, Jackson, preaching; J pand Marsha Betts, Memphis, Tenn., guest music evangelists; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Dinner on the ground of services 12 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Dinner on the ground of services 13 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Dinner on the ground of services 14 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Dinner on the ground of services 15 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Dinner on the ground of services 16 a.m. and 20 ound at noon; weekday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Ron Mercer, pastor.

Peoples Church (Tippah): Oct. 14-19; Jimmy Russell, Jericho Church, evangelist; Randy Isbell, pastor; Malcolm Lindsey, music director.

Baptist Help In Nicaragua Significant, Survey Shows

By Jennifer Anderson MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP) -

Southern Baptists have made a "significant contribution" toward rehabilitation in Nicaragua, but their largest undertaking is yet to come, says an official of the denomination's Foreign Mission Board.

Following a four-day survey of the strife-torn country, John R. Cheyne, associate consultant for relief ministries, said the emergency allocation in June of \$20,000 for hunger relief made a valuable contribution.

But, he noted, the "major undertaking of Southern Baptists" will be a \$30,000 allotment to recommended at the October board meeting to help set up employment programs. "Unemployment is the most serious

problem in the country right now," said Cheyne. He emphasized, however, that the "country has made a fantastic beginning in recovery efforts" since open conflict ended.

was torn by internal conflict between

dinista National Liberation Front, which took control in July after Somoza fled the country

Cheyne said, "One of the best organized relief programs I've seen" is being formed. He commended the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua for its community development program through which Southern Baptist missionaries in Nicaragua have been

"What Southern Baptists have done may have contributed more to Nicaragua than anything they've ever done before," said Stanley D. Stamps, veteran missionary to Nicaragua. Stamps, along with others, left the country in June when civil strife escalated. He has returned to resume his job in literature ministry and give assistance in rebuilding efforts. He said his literature ministry is building up rapidly again.

The \$20,000 allocation has brought For more than a year Nicaragua food to 2,500 people, provided 150 families with loans of up to \$500 for national guard forces of President housing repair, and helped people re-

Anastasio Somoza Jr. and the San- place household goods/ purchase medicines, restart small businesses and receive basic food subsidy during unemployment, Cheyne said.

He noted the major portion of assistance to the national convention has come from the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., Inc., the Baptist World Alliance, Mexican Baptists and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"A spirit of almost jubilation" exists among the people, added Cheyne. But he said there's still a desperate need for medicine in the country. The new government is "giving every appearance of taking a middle-of-the-road stance (and) welcomes assistance of groups from North America, like Southern Baptists," he added.

Cheyne visited six of the country's major cities and said up to 50 percent of the property in each city has been destroyed, affecting both industry and local commerce severely. "But," he said, "things are coming back

Vins Tells German Baptists

Many Died in Prison Rather Than Limit Their Christian Witness

BAD HOMBURG, Germany - At the invitation of the German Baptist Union, about 25 persons gathered here recently at the Union headquarters for a press conference with Georgi Vins, exiled leader of Reform Baptists in the USSR. Most participants represented the religious press.

After an introduction of pastor Vins by Gunter Wieske, the interpreter read Job 42:2 as a theme verse for a summary statement by Vins of his career as a religious leaders in USSR. Vins mentioned his conversion at 17 and the trials he had faced in refusing to cooperate with the government. He spoke briefly about the beliefs and activities of the Council of Churches of Evangelicals and Baptists, which he

Vins' mother, Lidia, was also present and was recognized as leader of the Council of Prisoners' Relatives for Evangelical Christians and Baptists.

A two-part question came first "Why is registration with the government considered wrong by your group, and what are the relationships between your group and the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-

Vins pointed out that since all power in his country was in atheist hands, thousands of evangelicals had been arrested and many had died in prisons for disobeying regulations that limited their Christian witness. In the last 30 years prison terms and various kinds of persecution have continued.

In 1960 the All-Union Council, which is recognized by the government, sent out "Letters of Instruction" to all Russian Baptist churches listing certain new restrictions. Some Baptist churches decided they could not obey four of them: that children could not attend worship services, that baptism of persons 18-30 years of age must be limited, that evangelistic preaching must be discouraged, and that the selection of chief officers of the church must be approved by the government.

Russian Baptists began to divide along this line until in 1965 the dissenting Baptist group became known as the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians and Baptists. Vins said this group has about 1,500 congregations with about 70,000 members. The All-Union Council includes about 5,000 churches and about 500,000 members. Most members of the Reform group are young people, Vins said, with about 15 percent in that age range in the All-Union Council churches.

To be recognized by the government, churches must promise to observe all regulations. Vins and the Reform Baptist group affirm three principles as so important that they will endure prison to preserve them: (1) total freedom of conscience and the priesthood of believers, (2) complete separation of church and state, and (3) freedom to preach the gospel as the main purpose of the church. Although Vins and other pastors and leaders have worked illegally, and publishing is being done secretly, worship services are open meetings in homes and in the woods. "We are not underground," Vins said; "everyone knows, where we meet."

But according to Vins, persecution has been real. Within the last several years a number of Baptists have died from torture in prison, he said. Others, like Vins, have been imprisoned, fined, and frequently interrogated. Christian weddings and prayer meetings have been invaded by local police, church members have been fined, and publications have been confiscated. Much of this would stop if our Baptist leaders would agree to cooperate with the KGB," Vins said.

At least half of the conference participants raised questions. One of them repeated the question about relations between Reform Baptists and the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. Vins responded that since many leaders in the AU-CECB were influenced or controlled by the KGB, activities of the Reform Baptists had been reported to the police when members of the two religious bodies had met together.

What had been his impressions of religion in the West since his departure from Russia, Vins was asked. "It is too early for me to evaluate the West," he responded. "I have seen many good things. Perhaps what has been happening in Russia will help young people in the West in their religious loyalty. In Russia atheism and religion are definitely separated, but here things are somewhat gray.

Another questioner mentioned the fact that the tensions between the two evangelical and Baptist groups in Russia have been introduced into West Germany by Russian emigres and

asked Vins why this would be so. He gave no definite answer but said, 'Some could have been introduced by the KGB, or perhaps old traditions are still strong.

After lunch the representatives of the German Baptist Union indicated strongly that they were concerned about the reconciliation of both groups, not only within the USSR, but also within the Federal Republic of Germany.

Gerhard Claas, associate general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, stated to the Press Service that he could not agree with the one-sided presentation of Vins and that he would love to see both groups reconciled and united again." To his mind, one should never speak of a "saving" and a 'non-saving' church, as has been done by dissident Baptists in the past.

'The Baptist World Alliance is concerned about the dissident Bantists. but at the same time it will continue its warm fellowship and good cooperation with the All-Union Council of Evangelrevival servistaitas Banaitaina, Ispie

Mississippi Baptist Activities

Oct. 15-19 Mississippi Senior Adult Chautauqua, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center (CT Emphasis)

GA/MF Specialty Workshops (WMU) Oct. 15-10

15 — FBC, Senatobia, 9:30-12:00/FBC, Tupelo, 7-9 p.m. 16 — FBC, Kosciusko, 9:30-12:00/Broadmoor, Jackson, 7-9 p.m.

17 — Broadmoor, Jackson, 9:30-12:00 18 — FBC, Columbia, 9:30-12:00/Temple, Hattiesburg, 7-9 p.m.

19 - FBC, Biloxi, 9:30-12:00

Pastor-Songleader Retreat, FBC, Natchez, 6:30 p.m., 19th-Noon, 20th

Oct. 19-20 BYW Retreat, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 6:00 p.m., 19th-4:00 p.m. 20th

Dao, 21, Escapes Thai Pirates On Vietnamese Refugee Boat

By John Rutledge

DALLAS (BP) - The skull and crossbones flag of the Thai pirates has been a harbinger of death to thousands of Vietnamese boat people fleeing their country.

But for Dao Que Huong, a 21-year-old refugee now living in Dallas and attending East Grand Baptist Church, it marked the beginning of a renewal of her faith, and ultimately a "miracle" of deliverance.

In a scene experienced by hundreds of thousands of refugees, her family departed Vietnam among 437 persons jammed into a boat designed for only

On the third day, pirates, who make a lucrative business of plundering the steady stream of refugees from Vietnam, boarded the ship. They stabbed the captain, ransacked the boat looking for hidden gold or valuables, and then left. The refugee boat was boarded three more times that day by different pirate ships, four times the next day and four times the day after,

"We were exhausted. There was no food, and no oil or water on the boat. They had poured it all out looking for gold," she said. "Our bodies were

Each successive wave of pirates was angrier than the one before, because there was less to be found that was valuable. Boards and planks were ripped up searching for money, and the boat began to leak.

"On May 5 two cruel pirate boats came alongside," Dao said. "They took everyone onto their boats and searched, but found nothing to take.

"So they decided to take 16 of the young girls." Dao buried her face in her hands as she recalled that day. "We heard the screaming of the girls they had taken to the other boat. When they returned, they did not look like

human beings."
All seemed lost for the refugees, "but a miracle happened," Dao said. For a reason she cannot explain, Dao was "moved by the Holy Spirit" to pray publicly for the whole boat. Normally a shy girl and not given to witnessing since her conversion at age 12, Dao knelt down in the refugee boat. "I wanted them to become Christ-

ians before they died," she explained. Her mother warned her that she would draw attention to herself by the action. Earlier she had attempted to make her attractive face ugly, and had escaped the attention of the pirates."But I felt I should pray and tell them about Christ. I told them that God can give you the things that are more precious than what you are looking for. We may not attain what we seek for, but we can receive him," she

said. She then began singing a Vietnamese gospel song, "The Lord is my shepherd, I have peace in him."

One pirate pulled a pistol and aimed it at her head, but she continued to sing. Although the Thais did not understand the Vietnamese words, they liked her voice. When she stopped singing, they aimed a pistol at her head again, but this time to make her con-

"As they listened to the music, their temperament became calm," she

They took her into the cabin belonging to the captain of the pirate vessel. He offered her some "medicine" to 'make her feel better," apparently drugs, but she indicated to him that she didn't want any and that she had to return to the boat to take care of her

son (although she does not have a son). "All the time, I was praying that God would deliver me from being

Instead of using force to overcome her, they allowed her to return to the refugee boat. But they warned her the boat was sinking and that she would die. "I told them I wanted to die with

all those people," she said. The next day, the pirates organized funeral service for the refugee

They took all our names and played funeral music. They tied white bandages around our heads and then began towing the boat as fast as they could out into the ocean," Dao explained.

After being towed all night, the boat began to break up. The pirates boarded again and started chopping it

But a lookout spotted a large ship approaching; and, in a moment, the pirates had gone. Dao said when the refugees saw the ship's name, the U.S. Frigate Robert Perry, "We felt as if we were removed from hell to heaven.'

The refugees were given medical attention, food and water, but nothing could be done to fix the engine. So the ship began to tow the refugees. Five Thai fishing boats appeared, waiting to rob the refugees if the U.S. ship left.

When they began following too close, the U.S. ship fired on them, scaring them off.

Dao was transferred to an aircraft carrier, and then to a refugee camp in Thailand. Because of the U.S. involvement in their rescue, the refugees were allowed into the United States in two months. She arrived in Dallas to meet her relatives July 9.

Only about two percent of Southern Baptist churches nationally are involved in refugee sponsorship through the SBC Home Mission Board. Gene Tunnell, refugee settlement coordinator at the board, said Washington, Oklahoma and Texas are the states where Baptists are doing the most.

First Baptist Church in Lacey, Wash., a congregation of about 150, is working with 200 refugees, most of which it sponsored. Enon Association in Ardmore, Okla., has sponsored over 100. First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, has a goal to sponsor 50 more families in the next few months.

Southern Baptist response is increasing. Tunnell said that in 1977 his office guaranteed settlement for 75 refugees. In 1978 that number increased to 168 but the 1979 total by Aug. 21 was

He said as many or more individuals

sponsor refugees as do churches. One-

fourth to one-third of the sponsors are

refugees who are in turn sponsoring others. In April, five Florida churches composed mainly of Cuban refugees sponsored Vietnamese refugees.
(Rutledge is on the staff of the Texas
Baptist Standard.)

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Names In The News.



PARKWAY CHURCH, Natchez recently honored its pastor, GERALD P. BUCKLEY, on his fifth anniversary as pastor. A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church honoring the pastor, his wife Billie, and their two sons, Steve and Stan. The Buckleys were presented an outdoor gas grill, a silver tray, and a check for over \$3,000. The chairman of deacons, Walter Patrick, called the entire Buckley family to the front of the church and read a letter of appreciation from the congregation which called attention to the fact that there have been over 824 additions to the church in the past five years. Left to right are Stan, Gerald, Billie and Steve Buckley.

Janie Boykin, missionary journeyman to Liberia, has arrived on the field (address: P. O. Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia). She is a native of

Daniel L. Johnson, missionary journeyman to Bangladesh, has arrived on the field (address: Box 99, Dacca 2, Bangladesh). He was born in Laurel,

Hollis W. Nix is available for pulpit supply or for interim pastoral ministry. Since 1969 he has been a pastor in Mississippi, his native state, including pastorates at Toomsuba Church and at Oak Grove Church, Shubuta. Before 1969 he was pastor in the Phoenix. Arizona area for more than 20 years. He lives at Route 10, Box 7, Lakewood Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 (phone

First Church, Macon ordained Doyle Cummins as a deacon, September 30. Others elected to serve as deacons are Wade Allen, John Gates, and Davis Nolan. The pastor is Hugh Poole.

The Blue Mountain College Department of Music presented Edward Ludlow in his 18th annual faculty organ recital on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in Lowrey Memorial Church at 8 p.m. The recital honored May Hall Buchanan as she begins her 47th year as organist of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church. The recital was dedicated to Mrs. Buchanan because of her many years of service to her church, her love for music, and her encouragement to all of the other organists in North Mississippi. Ludlow is associate professor of organ and church music at Blue Mountain College.

71 Acteens • Locked In In Lawrence

Lawrence Association Acteens experienced on September 7 a county wide Acteen Lock-In with 71 attending. The event took place in the activities building at Monticello Church from 10 p.m. Friday night til 6 a.m. Saturday

Guest speakers were Becky Briscoe, State Acteen Director, and Tammy Lyon, student at Co-Lin Junior College

and summer missionary to Ohio. Sharon Wilson and Melinda Dixon, both students at Mississippi College, entertained with Christian dramas, chalk drawing, and games.

Denise Windom is associational Ac-

teen director.

Atlanta (EP) - A United States Court of Appeals has ruled that Atlanta may restrict fundraisers of the Hare Krishna and other religious groups to designated "pay booths" at the city airport to receive donations; but the city cannot limit the number of solicitors in an area.

Rutledge Celebrates 'Home Coming' At Home Board

son of the late Arthur B. Rutledge, was elected to the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the September director's meeting.

Rutledge, 38, who has been living in Brownwood, Texas, will become director of mission property services for the board. He first came to the board in 1959

when his late father was elected to become director of missions for the board. The elder Rutledge served as the board's executive secretarytreasurer, 1965-76.

"It's really a homecoming for me," he said. "When Dad came to the board in 1959, I was in high school. But, what pleases me most is being of service. I'm very happy to get back to being directly involved in Christian work."

For the past two years, Rutledge has been in the insurance business in Brownwood while his wife, Carolyn, has finished her college degree at Howard Payne University. She is first grade teacher in Brownwood.

Arthur Rutledge, who died in 1977, was director of missions for the board until his election as executive secretary-treasurer. He retired Dec.

ATLANTA (BP) - David Rutledge, 31, 1976, and was succeeded by the current executive director-treasurer, William G. Tanner.

"During his (Arthur Rutledge's) years at the board, we (his family) were not directly involved in home missions, except for going on occasional trips," the younger Rutledge said. "Of course, we got a good bit about home missions 'second handed' from him."

BIBLE PUZZLE ANSWERS



Just For The Record .



ACTEEN CORONATION services were held at CALVARY CHURCH, YAZOO CITY, on Sept. 9. Pictured are crown bearers (front row, from left) Tammy Bailey, Melanie Davis, Melissa Collins, Kelli Daves, Kathryn Omarkhail, and Taylor Poe. Acteen queens pictured are (back row, from left) Debbie Moore, Brenda Cooksey, Edie Smith, Lisa Guthrie, and Tammy Moore. WMU directors Mrs. Alice Foster and Mrs. Annie Nabors. Acteen director Mrs. Wayne Kimbrough, and Lynn Bailey were on program. Not pictured is queen Melissa Floyd.



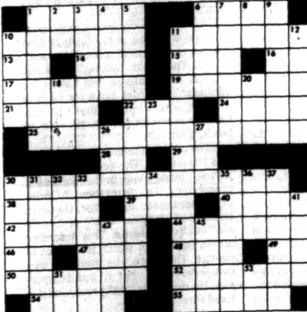
ELAM CHURCH, COFFEEVILLE (Yalobusha) has bought a fully equipped 15passenger Dodge bus. James Wright, church custodian, is the driver. Billy T. McDaniel, pastor, said, "The bus is proving to be a great asset to the church family. Many elderly who do not drive and some youngsters are picked up for each service."

The Van was purchased from Williams Motor Company, Grenada, at dealers cost, plus \$50. (About \$9500 total).



Checking out the new equipment occasionally is just part of standard operating procedures for the campus police department of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Former campus police chief Bruce Worrell, of Picayune, right, points out how to use new radio equipment to new chief Charles Didato. (Photo by Jimmy





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Madison Church Will Celebrate 90th Anniversary On Oct. 14

Since a small but important beginning the Madison Church has grown to be a body of approximately 900 mem-

Thursday, Geseber 11, 11, 18, 19

Acteens Dawn Clark and Alma Jo

Clark received their Scepters and

Linda Bankston received her collar

and first badge in GA in a recent cere-mony at First Church, Clara. Mrs. N.

L. Shoemaker, Jr. is Acteens leader. Mary Helen Crawford is GA leader. Billy Ray Blackwell is pastor.

Washington Church, Adams Associ-

ation, was the scene of a singspiration

service during the evening worship

hour on Sunday, Sept. 30. This was a

service consisting entirely of musical

presentations. The program was arranged by Lowrey Herrington, church

Solos, duets, trios and quartets,

vocal and instrumental, were pre-

Vocal soloists were DeVonne Earls, Bobby Hensley, Tina Herrington,

Brenda Boyte, Jamie June, Lowrey

Herrington, Elwood Blanton, and

Richard Freeman. Pam Cooley pre-

Vocal duets were performed by Joy

and Acy Arnold, Rita Cooley and Kaye

Vestal, Elwood Blanton and Frank

Blanton, Acy Arnold and Marie

Cooley. Frank Blanton and Gloria

Herrington presented an instrumental

Singing as a quartet were Darnell Cloy, Acy Arnold, Joy Arnold, and E.

J. Forman. A vocal trio on the prog-

ram was Lois Gentsch, DeVonne Earls

Damascus Church, Flora, will have

a Dedication program Sunday, Oct. 14.

The church has recently furnished the

auditorium with new pews and pulpit.

contributions to this cause. We would

like for all of them to attend this ser-

vice. The public is also invited," states

V. R. Crider, pastor. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m.

and regular worship services at 11

a.m. There will be dinner on the

Off The Record

Overheard at a bus stop. "It's disgraceful," said a man to a bystander.

"the way girls dress today. Look at that girl, she's dressed like a man

What kind of parents would allow her

to do that?" And the bystander snap-

ped back: "Sir, that girl nappens to be my daughter." The man consoled: "Sorry, I didn't know you were her

father." The bystander growled: "I'm

A local doctor couldn't find a park-

ing space near his fa vorite restaurant,

so he parked in front of a "No Park-

ing" sign. Before he went inside, he put a note on the windshield which read:

"Doctor working inside." After lunch, he went out to his car. Under his windshield wiper he found another

note: "Policeman Working Outside."

"Talk about losers," replied Beeny! I know one guy who was such a loser he spent all his life paying off a cemet-

Billy, age 7, came home from finish-

ing a rough day at play. "Mom!" he shouted to his mother who was in another room, "if I fell out of a tree,

would you rather I broke a leg or tore my pants?" And his mother replied:

"That's a silly question, dear, I'd rather you tore you pants." Billy grin-ned and yelled back: "Then I got good

news for you, mom. That's just what

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The dedication service will be at 2

Many outside the church have made

and Frank Blanton.

Damascus

ground at 12:30.

p.m.

Will Dedicate

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sented an instrumental solo.

music director.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, the Madison Church will celebrate its 90th anniver-sary. The day will be a day of worship, fellowship, and thanksgiving to God. On Oct. 14, the church will have an

Old-Fashioned Sunday. The morning service will be followed by a dinneron-the-grounds and after lunch the

congregation will participate in a sing-

"All members, former members, and friends are urged to attend,' states Roy McHenry, pastor.

The church was organized Nov. 3, 1889, at the Presbyterian house of worship at 4 p.m., according to the hand-written minutes recorded by E. C. Melton, church clerk in 1889. It was then called the Madison Station

Philip Duncan has resigned Tinsley

Baptist Church, Tinsley, MS where he

has been pastor for two and one-half

years. October 21 he will begin his new

pastorate at Skene Baptist Church,

Skene, MS. Duncan is a graduate of

Mississippi College and Baptist Bible

Institute, Graceville, FL. He is mar-

ried to the former Janice Lesley of

Kristie Lane.

Fulton, MS. They have one daughter,

Gus Garrett has resigned the Lib-

erty Church in Carroll County and has

moved to Lee County where he is av-

ailable for supply or interim preach-

ing. While he was at Liberty for three

years, the church built an education

building and fellowship hall. Member-

ship increased by 30 per cent, Sunday

School by 50 per cent, Church Training

by 33 per cent, and offerings by 50 per

Garrett said he moved because he

felt the need to establish a home, but

will continue in the Lord's work. He

lives at Route 1, Box 17-A, Saltillo, Ms.

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coverage for "clergy malpractice" suits. The Church's General Council on

Finance and Administration has pro-

(phone 869-5213).

Staff Changes

David Barnes has accepted a call as pastor of New Providence Church near Hazlehurst in Copiah County. He is a

senior Bible major at Mississippi College. Barnes assumes his first pastorate after working in various music/youth capacities in sevchurches: eral Gallman church;

Church, First Brookhaven, Colonial Heights Church, Jackson.

Norman Crochet is the new pastor at Bala Chitto Church, Pike County. He was ordained to the ministry Sunday afternoon, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m. at Bala Chitto. His father, Norman Crochet, Sr. brought the charge to the candidate and Otis Jackson delivered the charge to the church.

Johnny Williams has been called by Montgomery Church, Pike County, as pastor. He was ordained Sept. 23 at West McComb Church. Gary Bowlin and E. M. Fleming delivered the charges to the candidate and the

Colonial Heights Begins 24-Hour **Prayer Ministry**

Believing that God hears and answers prayer, Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, began a 24-hour prayer ministry on Monday, Oct. 1.

This is a round-the-clock, seven-day-a-week chain of intercessory prayer staffed by volunteers. Mag Anyone facing a particular crists or having a special prayer request is invited to call the prayer line, 956 1799.

All prayer requests are kept confi-

vided coverage up to a limit of \$300,000 per year for clergy holders of the denominational insurance program. ELLOWSHIP

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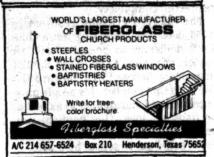
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Southern Baptist medical-evangelistic

team arrived in the Philippines, they

They postponed their plans because

James I. (Boe) Stanley, one of the mis-

sionaries planning the 1978 crusade,

was wounded during crossfire bet-

ween the New People's Army, a rebel

group, and the Philippine military. He

The delayed crusade resulted in

2,355 decisions, including more than

1,600 decisions to accept Christ as

savior, according to Southern Baptist

missionary Marge (Mrs. Howard D.)

Olive. Of that number, 124 people have

been baptized and another 44 expect to

be baptized soon. One baptism was

held at 5; 30 a.m. so that the five candi-

dates could get to school by 6:30.

"Like Pentecost"

The results, which one volunteer com-

pared to the biblical Pentecost, have

led missionaries and participants in

the 1979 crusade to believe God was in

The evangelistic team, made up of 10

preachers, four musicians, three doc-

tors, three dentists and four nurses, was coordinated through the Foreign

were one year late.

recovered completely.

the postponement.

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Relationships Of A Well-Rounded Life

Others

By Ira Bright, Pastor, First, Shannon Proverbs 3:3-4

We are discussing each week this month the topic "The Well Rounded Life" and some of the relationships that it involves. For our lives to be satisfying to us and acceptable to God, we must be concerned about how we feel about other

people.
"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart" (vs. 3).

The verse following then says that this will bring favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

What is our real feeling about other people? It might shock us to realize that in the time of Christ this was one of the most serious failures of the Pharisees and others. They were religi-

ous and conscientious people. They tried hard in their own way to please God. They travelled land and sea to protect their faith and to convert others. With religious ceremonies and regulations they were greatly concerned, and it was here that they drew rebuke from Christ.

He rebuked them for forgetting the more important matters of the faith such as MERCY, LOVE, COMPASSION, AND TRUTH. They had forgotter others . . . their needs, their hurts, and burdens. One reason why Jesus cleansed the Temple was that the money changers and others were making meditation and prayer impossible for interested Gentiles. Do Christians ever make it hard for the lost to come to Christ? What about the other person?

So the scripture says, do not let mercy and truth forsake you. These are two qualities that determine how we will feel and act toward that other person. A survey was taken entitled "How People Choose A Church." From the various

reasons given, the largest group made their decision because their friends and neighbors invited them. Love, concern, and compassion meant more than anything else.

to do so? So important says the Bible, that we should bind these qualities about our necks and write them on our hearts. This way in every good life, that other person will have his place.

Today, do we feel mercy and compassion for others? How important is it for us

Bright

Nola Will Mark 75th Year

the excess luggage could be accom-

modated. This baggage included 1,600

pounds of medicine that the doctors

and dentists distributed during the

The day the team left, 30 pastors and

workers gathered in the Stanleys'

home for follow-up training led by

Southern Baptist missionary Billy B.

Tisdale, director of church planting

for missionaries in the Philippines.

crusade effort.

Nola Church in Lawrence Association will observe its 75th homecoming with services on Oct. 14.

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. The worship service will start at 11 a.m. with former pastor James Duke as guest speaker.

Lunch will be served at noon and an afternoon service will begin at 1:15 with a program of gospel singing. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited. Vance E. Windom, Jr. is pastor.

MILTON BURD, a musician from Cleveland, Miss., who participated in the Philippine crusade, says he now has a fuller understanding of foreign missions. "We often are as if in an ivory tower and missions seems so complex. We talk about missions and the missionaries come and tell us about their work. But to experience if for one's self is the best of all. Here is how we come best to understand the true calling of missionaries." He provided special music at many of the almost 200 services. - (BP Photo by Howard Olive).

Besides the crusade results, special

travel arrangements enhanced the

volunteers' feelings that the year's

postponement was a part of God's plan, Mrs. Olive said. Philippine Air

Lines carried free of charge more than

600 pounds of excess baggage all the

Then at the airport in Cebu, Philip-

pines, eight other passengers were

asked to wait for another flight so that

way from San Francisco.

Philippine Crusade: What A
Difference A Year Makes

Mission Board's office of evangelism

and church development. Milton Burd

of First Church, Cleveland, Miss., was

They worked with 20 Filipino pastors

and interpreters and 10 missionaries

and one missionary child. In the 16-day

effort, they held 96 services in

churches and 98 services in other

places such as schools, markets,

clinics and parks. The dentists saw

more than 1,800 patients and extracted

more than 4,500 teeth. The doctors

treated more than 4,400 patients and

performed both minor and major

Manobo Tribe

The results were due, in part, to the

year's delay. Many of the decisions

were among members of the Manobo

Tribe. Even though work among this

tribe in the Bislig area actually started

two years ago, a breakthrough came

during the past year. A tribal leader

accepted Christ and was baptized by

Stanley. Realizing the needs for im-

proved farming techniques, Stanley

invited this chief and his subchiefs to

visit the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life

Center earlier this year. Twenty-five

of the subchiefs accepted Christ dur-

ing the three-day visit.

one of the musicians.

surgery.

Bogota, Colombia — The youth choir from Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., recently sang on television and nationwide radio in Bogota, Colombia, through arrangements made by Southern Baptist missionary Marion L. Corley. The group also presented concerts in Cali, Bucaramanga and Barranquilla and in the president's palace, where they presented New Testaments to palace em-

68 Charter Members Unite With Clark Street Church

Clark Street Mission, New Albany, was constituted into a self-supporting church August 26. The Mission has been sponsored by First Church, New Albany, for ten years.

Sunday morning, Aug. 26, nearly 100 attended Sunday School and the worship service. At noon the congregation had planned a time of food, fun and fellowship.

During the constitution service, a history of Clark Street Mission was read by Mrs. Gilbert Daniel.

Bobby Moore, chairman of the Missions Committee and also a member of First Church, read and presented a charter membership roll consisting of 68 members. Bob Smith presented the Constitution and By-Laws.

The church voted to call C. C. Ard as

For special music Mark Worsham

sang "To God Be The Glory," followed by Frank Lay with a message on the church. Lay is chairman of the Associational Missions Committee.

Talmadge Littlejohn presented Pastor Ard with the charter for Clark Street Church which had already been

First Church, New Albany, had voted August 22, 1979, to give Clark Street Church the deed to the property, debt free. Talmadge Littlejohn gave the deed to the trustees after the ser-

filed with the state.



Clark Street Charter Members.

LIKE PENTECOST — When a Southern Baptist medical evangelistic team was in the Philippines recently, they held meetings in such places as churches, schools, markets, clinics and parks. This meeting is typical of the ones held outside. The response was so good at some of the services that one volunteer said he could now envision Pentecost. More than 2,350 made decisions for Christ. (BP) photo by Howard D. Olive.

Life and Work Lesson

How The Bible Came To Be

By W. Thomas Baddley First Church, Brandon Jeremiah 36; Luke 1:1-4; Philippians 2:1-5

"Revelation" and "Inspiration" are both aspects of God at work revealing Himself to man. Revelation is concerned with the knowledge given, while inspiration is concerned with the manner or process in which it is made known.

As we consider the passages in this lesson, we will see God transmitting His work through men to the printed page. As we read the Bible we hear God speaking to individuals and even to whole nations, but how, and why were these words written down and compiled into the volume we call the Bible?

I. Recording The Oral Message (Jeremiah 26:1-3, 17-18, 32)

There are three instances in the Old Testament from which we can get details of how prophets' messages were recorded and passed on: Isaiah 8:1-18; 30:8-17; and Jeremiah 36. This story (Jeremiah) is unique in the Old Testament because it is concerned primarily with a book, not a person or an act of God.

Jeremiah did not have these words recorded just because he thought it was a good idea nor was he trying to preserve his personal influence. Jeremiah spoke and Baruch wrote his words down because God told him to do it. This dictation was not a summary or condensation of his previous pronouncements. It included "all the

words that I have spoken." God not only instructed that the words should be recorded, but He also told His purpose: "It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them that they may return every man from his evil way." The ultimate purpose of this literary effort was redemptive. It was the desire of God that as the pronouncements of God were read to the people and available for rereading and study that the people would come under conviction and repent.

The response to this reading of God's Word merits our attention, too. We are told of three separate occasions when it was read: first, to the people in the Temple by Baruch on a great feast day. It caused concern among the people and alarmed Micaiah, one of the scribes who reported it to the princes of the land.

When they were read the message of impending doom for Judah and then added to it their knowledge of Nebuchadnezzar's approaching army, they took it to King Jehoiakim. Jehoiakim's father Josiah had been a godly King, but Jehoiakim had turned back to idolatry. As he was reading the Word of God, he arrogantly cut it into small pieces and piece by piece placed it in the fire burning beside him for

Though man may destroy copies of the written Word of God, he cannot de? stroy the purpose or the source of God's Word. At God's instruction, Jeremiah again dictated God's message to Judah as he had received and delivered it. To this account God added "many similar words." The purpose of the second scroll was not to call to repentance; it was to preserve the prophecy for future generations.

As Jeremiah was led to put down in writing God's words and prophecy, so were other writers. Following the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in A.D. 70, the Council of Jamnia gathered and compiled many of these writings into what we now call the Old Testament.

II. Recording The Apostolic Witness (Luke 1:1-4)

The Gospel of Luke recorded it as the example selected for this phase of our study as to how the Bible came to be.

In vv. 1-4 Luke introduces his purpose for writing. These verses also give us an insight into the method followed by at least this author. It very well could be used to describe the method used by other New Testament

In verse 1 he indicated that his Gospel record was neither the first or only such report. The existence of other written reports of the Good News gave Luke sources from which to draw and to which he could compare his understanding of God's work and will through Jesus.

Verse 2 further describes the other authors as "eyewitnesses" to Jesus' ministry. This possibly refers to other apostles but doesn't limit it to this

Verse 3 declares the organization of the information to make it more useful

for instruction. Luke carefully put it together. Verse 4 indicates Luke's purpose for writing was to make clear the truth of the gospel accounts.

In this day and time of controversy over inspiration, infallibility, and inerrancy, this second point will fuel to many a discussion. Without trying to belabor the method God used to inspire Luke or any other gospel writer, let me hasten to say that whatever your position on method of inspiration, we can agree with E. Y. Mullins that the product of inspiration is the inspired, inerrant Word of God. III. Applying The Teachings Of

Christ (Philippians 2:1-5)

In addition to the Gospel accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus and of the growth and development of the early church, the New Testament includes twenty-two other books. The example chosen to represent the source or reason behind these other writings is what seems at first glance a totally unrelated passage from Philippians. Remember, however, the ministry of Paul, whose life we have recently studied. As he moved from place to place planting churches, he tried to keep in touch with the work of the churches he had begun or others he hoped to visit. As word of unsound doctrine, false teachings, presecution, and church problems reached him, he depended on God to direct his written responses to meet specific needs. Paul, like the other New Testament letter-writters sought to instruct and encourage, not from common sense of personal position, but by seeking to apply the teachings of Christ. Summary

So we see that God led men to write down what had been, for a long time, kept in oral form. His written word persevered and was productive. It has in many instances demonstrated the truthfulness of Scripture as prophecy has been fulfilled. It has provided a clear record of God's intervention in .human history by the coming of Jesus and it illustrates how Christ's teachings can be applied in practical living. In all these the Holy Spirit worked in and through the writers guiding them and guarding them from error.

No wonder can last more than three days. - Italian Proverb

Uniform Lesson

Christ's Example in Service

By Ed North, First, Quitman Philippians 2:1-11

The real issue in this passage is the unity of the body of Christ. Divisiveness within the Christian fellowship makes a lie of the gospel. Even a church with the sterling qualities of the Philippian congregation can lose the effectiveness of its witness when there is strife among the members.

Deacons, accustomed to "running things," force a pastor out of his church because he won't buy their brand of politics. A wealthy family plays "tithe and tell" with the local Baptist church. They will give large sums of money if they can tell the church what to do. A charismatic minister on an ego trip leads a large segment of a congregation away from the main body. All of these events are current. They are suggestive of a multitude of others in which the people of God experience division, and lose the impact of their witness. Paul speaks to this issue.

I. The Primary Source of Disunity

(vv. 3-4) Disunity is rooted in man's worst self. That part of self which has not been crucified, which has not been surrendered up to the Lordship of Christ, is the breeding ground of discord. Paul enjoins the Philippians to overcome selfishness, empty conceit, an arrogant attitude, and a selfcentered concern. It is obvious that the strife in the church at Philippi, whatever its nature, has evolved out of an atmosphere of "I'm bigger, better, brighter, and more important than anyone else."

It is not without purpose that the New Testament lifts up the cross as the means of reconciliation and peace. Sacrifice is always at the heart of harmony. A fellowship lives and thrives in peace and one accord only when each member regards the others as "... more important than himself." This is not self-denigration; it is affirmation of one's brothers and sisters in the Lord.

II. Incentives to Unity (vv. 1-2, 5-11)

In verse two Paul urges the Philippians to "make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." He gives certain incentives to unity, both philosophical and practical.

In verse one Paul lays down a strong philosophical argument for unity. Four incentives are stated as "if" clauses. In the Greek text these are conditional statements in which the condition is understood to be true. The first clause, for example, would read, "If therefore there is any encouragement (or support) in Christ, and there is such encouragement. . .

These four statements build a philosophical case for unity in the Christian fellowsh ip. Believers are to be as one because of the "encouragement in Christ," the "incentive of His love," "participation in the Spirit," and the operation of "affection and compassion." A strong case indeed, but Paul has more. The strongest incentive to unity is an appeal to the example of humility and service evinced in the lovely life of Jesus.

Verses five through eleven form what many scholars consider the greatest Christological passage in the Bible. But Paul never intended it to be such. He didn't deliberately set about to write a great theological treatise. He was desperately trying to solve a practical problem. There was disunity in the church at Philippi because the members were concerned too much about themselves, and too little about one another. Paul decided the most persuasive argument against that spirit was to remind them of how Christ humbled Himself to be the servant of all. Thus, the Holy Spirit inspired, and Paul penned this lyrical passage so rich and suggestive.

"Let this mind (attitude) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (v. 5). What attitude? Why, the attitude of humility!

This is the depth and breadth and length and height of Jesus' humility. He was (and is) in his essential nature very God of very God. The verb "existed" (being) in verse six expresses that which one is in his very essence. It is an unchanging essence. The Greek term used for "form" underscores this truth. Morphe is the essential form which never changes. Schema is the outward form which can, and does, undergo change. The term here is morphe. Jesus was "in the form of God" because His essential, unchanging nature is divine.

However, He "did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped" (v. 6). That is to say, the preincarnate Christ enjoyed equality with the Father, but did not cling to it. Rather Paul says, He "emptied himself. . ." (v. 7). Since his unchanging essence is divine. Christ did not empty Himself of His deity. He divested Himself of the heavenly prerogatives, or, to use Lightfoot's phrase, "the insignia of

majesty." Jesus gave up the glory and humbled Himself. This real God became a real man. The one who was in the form of God took on the "form of a bond-servant" (v. 7). The word "taking" does not suggest an exchange, but rather an addition. The Greek term for form is morphe, which implies that this was Christ's essential nature. He was, at

heart, a ser ant. Although his manhood was real, it was temporary. The verb form in the phrase "being made in the likeness of men" (v. 7) describes a nonpermanent state. Moreover, the term translated "appearance" or "fashion" (v. 8) is schema. This describes an outward form which is subject to change. Therefore, His manhood was completely real, but it was temporary; His deity was totally real, and it is fixed forever.

As the God-Man, Jesus "humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (v. 8). He willingly suffered the most shameful, humiliating death known to man to prove himself a faithful servant. He who was rich became poor, that we through his poverty might become rich ((I Cor. 8:9).

Now, Paul says, God has exalted Him, given Him an unsurpassable name (Lord), and raised Him up in utter glorification before the adoration of the total order of the living (vv. 9-11). Jesus, therefore, is the perfect illustration of His own teaching: "But the greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted" (Matt. 23:1-12).

A man generally lives up to what is expected of him. — Henrietta Mears Man at door to opinion-poll taker: "That's my opinion, and I can give you my wife's even though she's not here. It would be just the opposite of mine."

Modesty is the only sure bait when you angle for praise. - Chesterfield